

General Trafficking Knowledge

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defines severe forms of trafficking as:

- 1) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion,
- 2) or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or,
- 3) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

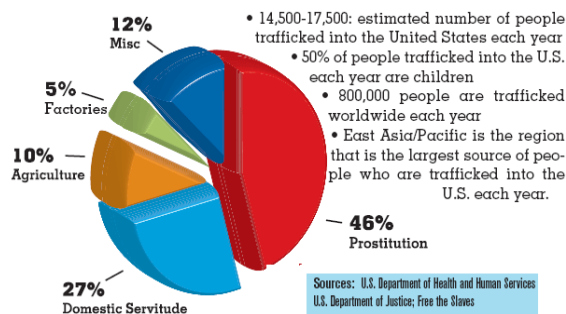
Stats:

27,000,000 slaves

200,000 enslaved in the US

30,000 are moved from the US to other destinations

The FBI estimates that the slave trade generates nearly **\$32 billion** in revenue each year



Where Does This Happen?

Housecleaning services / ☐ Landscape and gardening businesses / ☐ Domestic (home/childcare) workers / ☐ Large-scale agricultural labor / Construction sites / Casinos / Garment factories / Hotels (housekeeping) / Nail salons / Migrant or transitional communities / ☐ Magazine subscription and other door to door sales/ Zones known for prostitution / Strip clubs/ Massage parlors / ☐ Domestic violence cases / ☐ Truck stops

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How Children Become Victimized

Children can be **recruited into legitimate work or study abroad opportunities** that turn out to be fronts for trafficking operations.

It is also common for pimps to pose as older boyfriends who **seduce young girls** and eventually push them into the sex trade. **Abduction and sale of children to traffickers by families living in poverty** do occur as well, although both cases are much more uncommon.

Human trafficking: an Explanation of Child Sex Trafficking

Child Sex Trafficking

The Numbers

- Sex trafficking: 4.2% of slaves but 39% of profits
- Net profit margin of sex slavery: 70%
- 2 million children worldwide are being subjected to prostitution (UNICEF)
- 1,078 American-born Ohio youth trafficked into the sex trade in 2010
- 15 children from Dayton, Ohio become involved in sex trafficking every year
- 3000 children in Ohio are at risk for trafficking
- Average age of entry into prostitution is 13 and average life span after entry is 7 years

Vulnerability

Children with **low self-esteem, weak social support and poor coping skills who have experienced abuse and are living in poverty are typically the most vulnerable to trafficking situations.** Other vulnerabilities include being from a highly patriarchal society, living in war zones or areas that have experienced natural disasters, **living in areas with high levels of corruption, and being from a marginalized group in terms of race, class, gender, caste, or religion.**

Children are trafficked from numerous countries around the world, including American-born children in the United States. The East Asia/Pacific region is the most common origin of those trafficked into the United States.

